श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग (गुजरात) : मैं इसका समर्थन करता हूं ।

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैं भी इसका समर्थन करता हूं ।

SHRI KAPIL VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): I also associate with this.

Statutory Resolution approving continuance of President's Proclamation in relation to Tamil Nadu

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I beg to move the Statutory Resolution:

"That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued by the President on the 30th January, 1988, under Article 356 of the Constitution, in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu, for a further period of six months with effect from the 30th July, 1988."

As the House is aware, in view of the then prevailing situation in Tamil Nadu, the Proclamation under Article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu was issued on January 30, 1988 on the recommendation of the Governor and the State Legislative Assembly dissolved.

The Proclamation issued by the President was approved by the Lok Sabha on 23-2-1988 and by the Rajya Sabha on 8-3-1988. The Proclamation so approved will now cease to operate on 29-7-1988 at the expiration of a period of six months.

The Governor of Tamil Nadu in his recent letter addressed to the President has stated that the process for holding elections to the Legislative Assembly which should have been started latest by 20th June, 1988, could not be commenced due to the present situation in the State created by the agitation by the Vanniar Sangam and the strike by one section of State Government Employees and teachers supported by certain interested political parties.

The Governor has reported that the Vanniar Sangam has been intensifying its agitation in support of its demands. The main demand by the Sangam is for 20 per cent compartmentalised reservations of Government jobs and seats in educational institutions in the State Government and 2 per cent in the Central Government. The Sangam has announced that they would boycott the elections and also take whatever steps they could to prevent the holding of elections. From the past experience, it is apprehended that the Sangam would resort to violence and try to create conditions which would make it difficult for polling to be conducted peacefully.

It is understood that agitation of the Vanniar is also having its repercussions among the members of Scheduled Castes. There have been several instances of clashes between Vanniar and Scheduled Castes and there are indications of further escalation of tension between the two communities. Some political parties are also not averse to fomenting trouble between the two communities for short term electoral advantages.

Further, the teachers and Government employees who have off and on been demanding parity with Central scales of pay and one month pay as bonus, took to open confrontation in support of their demands. After holding several rounds of discussions with the various Associations, the general indication that emerged was that the grant of interim relief and appointment of Pay Commission might be acceptable to the majority of Government servants and teachers and they may not resort to strike if

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these concessions were announced. The State Government accordingly announced on 19-6-1988 the grant of interim relief of Rs. 70/- per month to all regular time scale Government employees from 1-6-1988 and its intention to appoint a Pay Commission. Notwithstanding these concessions, a large section of Government employees and teachers resorted to strike. Some political parties were also supporting the strike.

On 15th July, 1988, a settlement was reached with some sections of employees who agreed to resume work by 19th July, 1988. After further discussions, the remaining sections of Government employees and teachers agreed on 22nd July to call of the strike and resume work from 26th July, 1988. It must however, be pointed out that it will take some more time for normalcy to be restored in State Government offices and schools.

In view of the position explained above, the inevitable conclusion is that it is difficult to conduct the elections in a peaceful manner in the State at the present juncture.

Keeping in view the situation prevailing in the State and taking all relevant factors into consideration, it is proposed that the President's Rule in Tamil Nadu may be continued for a further period of six months with effect from 30-7-1988. If so approved, the President's Rule, unless revoked earlier, will continue upto 29th January, 1989.

In view of the position explained by me, I solicit the approval of this august House to the resolution mentioned by me at the beginning.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There are two amendments. One by Mr. Subramanian Swamy and the other by Mr. Murasoli Maran. They can move the amendments.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I move:

"That in the said Resolution for the words 'for a further period of six months with effect from the 30th July, 1988' substitute the words 'upto the 15th September, 1988'."

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam Deputy Chairman, I move:

"That in the said Resolution for the words 'for a further period of six months with effect from the 30th July, 1988' substitute the words 'upto the 30th August, 1988'."

The questions were proposed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the Resolution and amendments are open for discussion. Shri Subramanian Swamy.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Well, I can speak after lunch.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can speak for four minutes and then we can adjourn for lunch.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: All right. Madam Deputy Chairman, the Minister has just now given a set of reasons which are totally unrelated to what is happening in Tamil Nadu... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Fabricated.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I have much greater affinity to Tamil Nadu than you have.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Because you have been elected from Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: That does not matter. The whole country belongs to me. I am not like you. You have to live on the mercy of your Prime Minister. I can go all around.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM (Tamil Nadu): She knows only something in Tamil Nadu. ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No cross talking, please.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Well, your leader will be soon going to America. Don't worry.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Has he changed his destination from Italy to America?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Madam, the point is that it is a sign of utter failure that the Government should stand up here and say that in the State of Tamil Nadu they are not in a position to hold elections because peaceful elections are not possible. We made an exception in the case of Punjab. Now, they are saying about Tamil Nadu also. I wonder whether this kind of precedent we allow them to get away with—whether this kind of thing not be extended ultimately when they face the Lok Sabha General Elections. They may come and say the same thing and ask for another extension there also. But the fact is that there is no disruption of peace in Tamil Nadu. There was an incident, Vanniyar agitation that they talked about was an incident that took place. Since then there had been hardly any incident. First of all, I begin by saying that the Government is not at all serious in taking the House into confidence because they are not serious. There is no argument about that. Since the consultative committee was set up, I ask the Minister, how many meetings have taken place?

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: It has not been constituted despite our letters.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It has been notified that it is going to be constituted. I thought that it was constituted. Well, I also know that no meeting has taken place in the last six months. So, there is no representation in Tamil Nadu. There is no Assembly. Of course, Members of Parliament who come from Congress (I) from Tamil Nadu, they are all, what shall I say, people without voice and hence the people of Tamil Nadu are suffering. Why is it extended for six months? I have moved an amendment saying that it should be 15th September. My friend, Shri Murasoli Maran has said that it should be 30th August. Well, we are from different parties, so there is difference in date. But broadly, we do not think that you need to have six months more because the electoral process is fundamental.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now the House stands adjourned and will meet again at 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty-one minutes past one of the clock.

The House re-assembled after lunch at thirty one minutes past two of the clock, **The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Accident to train No. 26 Dn. Bangalore-Trivandrum Express between Sasthankotta and Perinad Stations of Southern Railway on 8-7-1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Madam, I deeply regret to apprise the House of an unfortunate train accident involving 26 Dn. Bangalore Trivandrum Express at about 12.59 hrs. on 8-7-88 between Sasthankotta and Perinad stations of the Trivandrum Division of Southern Railway.

As a result of the accident 10 out of a total of 14 coaches of the train